Prices of bulk vitamins

1635. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 283 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1989 and state:

(a) when the matter about inclusion under price control of remaining bulk vitamins was referred to BICP;

(b) whether his Ministry has since received the Report from BICP;

(c) if so, when and what are the details of the report;

(d) what was the specific point on which the report was called;

(e) whether it is a fact that none of these bulk vitamins fulfil any exclusion criteria; and

(f) by when the remaining bulk vitamins would be brought under price control?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The opinion of the BICP with regard to the price control of vitamins was not sought for. However, the BICP was asked to conduct the cost study of price controlled Vitamins, 'A' and 'C'.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) and (f) Government have constituted a Standing Committee to look into all aspects concerning DPCO, 1987 including exculsion/inclusion of drugs in Scheduled Categories.

Overcharging on Combiflam

1636. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1989 and state:

(a) what was the price being charged for Combiflam tablets under DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987;

(b) when was the price of Rs. 5.43 implemented by the company;

(c) whether his Ministry has worked out the overcharged amount;

(d) if so, what is the total amount;

(e) what steps were taken to recover the amount due and how much has been recovered; and

(f) when was the legal action against the concerned company for past lapses taken and what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As per available information, the Company's price of Combiflam Tablets was Rs. 12.00 (for 10's) when DPCO, 1979 was in operation. It appears that they subsequently increased it to Rs. 12.26.

(b) Under their letter dated 21-8-1989 M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals Ltd. informed the Government that they had implemented the price of Rs. 5.43 (exclusive of excise duty) fixed by the Government.

(c) to (e) In order to work out the amount of unintended benefit, the company has been asked to furnish certain details which are awaited from them.

(f) The reply of the State Drug Controller, West Bengal who was advised to take legal action against the company for past lapses, is awaited.

Bulk drug price for Fluclnelone Acetonide

1637. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2474 given in the Rajya

Sabha on 7th August, 1980 and state:

(a) whether it is obligaory under Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987 to provide break-up of non-scheduled medicines before increase in prices;

(b) if so, what was the bulk drug price taken of Flucinolone Acetonide and what was the MAPE taken;

(c) whether it is a fact that Flucinolone Acetonide has been brought under price control, recently;

(d) if so, what is the price of each formulation fixed and what bulk drug has been taken while determining the formulation prices;

(e) what are the names of major importers of this drug and what is the source of import of each; and

(f) what was the import of this drug the last two years, year-wise and what was the CIF price at which each consignment was imported?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. Any manufacturer who desires to market a new pack revise the prices of an existing pack, of a non-scheduled formulation, may do so after furnishing the details of the proposed retail price and cost data in Form 2A.

(b) The price of bulk drug Elucinolone Acetonide was taken as Rs. 149.37/gm.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The price of each formulation based on Flucinolone Acetonide is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 72].

(e) Companywise import is not monitored.

(f) To the extent available, the information is given below:—

Import in 1987-88	39.6 kg
Import in 1988-89	35.8 kg
CIF price Rs. 92,927/kg	
CIF price Rs. 70,190.20/kg	

Inclusion of imported drugs under price control

1638. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to include all those imported drugs having significant turn-over under price control;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has included only 21 drugs so far;

(c) whether his Ministry has examined other drugs being imported having turn-over more than rupees fifty lacs;

(d) if so, what are the names of those drugs and by when those would be included under price control;

(e) whether it is a fact that certain drugs out of 21 drugs included are produced indigenously; and

(f) if so, what are the names of producers, quantity produced by each during the last three years, year-wise along with stage of production of each?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a), (c) and (d) Government have constituted a Standing Committee to look into all aspects relating to DPCO, 1987 including representations received for inclusion/exclusion of drugs in Schedule Categories.

(b) Yes Sir.